

Minutes of the ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Education Wausau School District

A Annual Meeting of the Board of Education of the Wausau School District was held Monday, September 22, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Nicholson Board Room, 415 Seymour Street, Wausau, Wisconsin 54403.

Present: James Bouche, Sarah Brock; Nick Crochiere, Jon Creisher; Pat McKee; Jennifer Paoli; Cory Sillars; Lance Trollop.

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

President Bouche presided and called the meeting to order at 6:19 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

II. Election of Chairperson

Lance Trollop moved to appoint James Bouche as the chairperson for the annual meeting, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried.

Sarah Brock moved to close nominations, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried.

The main motion carried 8-0 (voice).

III. Designate Secretary for Minutes

President Bouche appointed Cassie Peck to take official minutes.

IV. Designate Vote Counters

President Bouche appointed Cassie Peck and Josh Viegut as vote counters.

V. Enter the Thirty Second Annual Meeting Minutes into the Record

President Bouche entered the Thirty Second Annual Meeting Minutes into the record.

VI. State of the District Presentation

Cale Bushman gave a brief state of the District presentation.

VII. Treasurer's Report

Sarah Brock presented the Treasurer's Report. He reported the following general checking account figures which include Funds 10, 21, 27, 29, 50, and 80 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as of June 30, 2023:

Beginning Cash Balance

And Investments - July 1, 2024	\$ 34,090,619.61
Receipts	\$149,367,285.32
Disbursements	\$148,392,030.26
Ending Cash Balance	
And Investments - June 30, 2025	\$ 35,065,874.67

VIII. Other Post Employment Benefits Report

Josh Viegut presented the following Other Post Employment Benefits Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023:

Cash Balance in OPEB Trust Account - June 30, 2025	\$ 3,896,266.89
Investment Returns July1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	\$ 412,221.45
Dividends	469,893.93
Unrealized Gains/Losses	415,603.20
Long Term Realized Loss	(457,364.62)
Fees	(15,911.06)
Total Claim Disbursements July1, 2024 to June 30, 2025	\$ 2,894,673.39

IX. Budget Hearing

A. Review Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Josh Viegut
Assistant Superintendent of Operations

Josh Viegut reported on the school funding formula; changes in revenue limit and school funding; spending and engagement; revenues, expenditures, grant funding; debt mill rate; proposed tax levy; and school tax mill rate.

Mr. Viegut also detailed the Community Service Fund. He shared that funds were established to pay for activities that are accessible to the community at large. The fund pays for costs associated with the out of school enrichment programs, the planetarium, School Resource Officers, middle school athletics and seasonal labor to maintain outdoor facilities accessible to the community.

Total Community Service Tax Levy	\$1,092,000
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Mr. Viegut also shared the following slides related to Phase 2 & Phase 3 of the Energy Efficiency Exemption:

Phase 2 Energy Efficiency Exemption

Wausau Phase 2

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION

§ 121.91 (4) (a) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$11,512,434
Total Project Payback Period			9.2
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			40
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2025	\$1,040,375
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2025	\$981,946
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2025	\$58,429
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$60,766

Retired w/ 2024 Levy

Savings Reported for 2025			
Specific Energy Efficiency Measure or Products	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Controls Improvements - East High School	\$ 55,055	\$7,359	\$147,634
Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 731,567	\$7,638	\$28,027
HVAC and Controls Improvements - Elementary Schools	\$ 5,415,376	\$21,687	\$439,943
Controls Improvements - Horace Mann MS	\$ 538,577	\$4,002	\$61,510
HVAC and Controls Improvements - John Muir MS	\$ 164,565	\$4,591	\$37,649
Controls Improvements - Maintenance Building	\$ 73,306	\$408	\$17,863
HVAC and Controls Improvements - West High School	\$ 1,254,323	\$10,031	\$130,474
Electrical Infrastructure Improvements	\$ 3,279,666	\$5,051	\$568,409
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$11,512,434	\$60,766	\$1,431,510



Phase 3 Energy Efficiency Exemption

Wausau Phase 3			
ENERGY EFFICIENCY EXEMPTION			
§ 121.91 (4) (o) Revenue Limit Exemption for Energy Efficiencies-Evaluation of the Energy Performance Indicators			
Name of Qualified Contractor	Nexus Solutions		
Performance Contract Length (years)			10
Total Project Cost (including financing)			\$11,677,838
Total Project Payback Period			12.0
Years of Debt Payments			10
Remaining Useful Life of the Facility			40
Prior Year Resolution Expense Amount	Fiscal Year	2025	\$1,144,935
Prior Year Related Expense Amount or CY debt levy	Fiscal Year	2025	\$1,114,817
Utility Savings applied in Prior Year to Debt	Fiscal Year	2025	\$30,118
Sum of reported Utility Savings to be applied to Debt			\$31,323
Savings Reported for 2025			
	Project Cost Including Financing	Utility Cost Savings	Non-Utility Cost Savings
Building Envelope Improvements	\$ 1,526,742	\$3,435	\$91,570
Heating System Upgrades	\$ 801,304	\$10,960	\$37,621
Technology and Controls Upgrades	\$ 3,785,895	\$9,254	\$510,026
Ventilation and IAQ Improvements	\$ 5,563,898	\$7,675	\$314,771
Entire Energy Efficiency Project Totals	\$11,677,838	\$31,323	\$953,988

Retire w/ 2026 Levy

B. Old Business
There was none.

C. New Business

1. Vote - Tax Levy for General Fund and Community Service Fund

Lance Trollop moved that the amount of \$24,266,518 be adopted as the tax levy for the General Fund and \$1,092,000 for the Community Service Fund for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried.

2. Vote - Tax Levy for Debt Service Fund

Pat McKee moved that the amount of \$19,026,753 be adopted as the tax levy for the Debt Service Fund for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried.

3. Vote - Furnish School Lunches

Cory Sillars moved to furnish school lunches to the students of the School District and appropriate funds for that purpose. The school lunch program is self-funded through sales of tickets and federal & state subsidies and is accounted for in Fund 50, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried.

4. Vote - Authorize Reimbursement of Expenses for School Board Members
Ralph Williams moved to authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of a school board member when traveling in the performance of duties, seconded by Julie Schell. The motion carried.
5. Vote - Salaries of School Board Members
Cassie Peck moved that School Board annual salaries be established at \$3,300, for the 2025-2026 school fiscal year, seconded by Julie Schell. The motion carried.
6. Vote - Authorize Resolution Regarding Continuing Authorization to Lease Suitable Buildings and/or Land for School Sites
Cory Sillars moved that pursuant to Section 120.10(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the Board of Education be granted authority through the time of the next annual meeting to lease suitable buildings and/or land for school sites, seconded by Pat McKee. The motion carried.
7. Vote - Authorize Resolution Regarding Continuing Authorizations to Convey Partial Interests in Real Estate
Pat McKee moved that pursuant to Section 120.10(12) of the Wisconsin Statutes, that the Board of Education be granted authority through the time of the next annual meeting to convey small parcels and/or easements in school lands to governmental authorities or public utilities under circumstances in which property belonging to the School District is not needed for school purposes, and in which the value of consideration to be received in exchange for an easement does not exceed \$20,000, seconded by Cory Sillars. The motion carried.
8. Vote - Establish 2026 Annual Meeting
Jennifer Paoli moved pursuant to statute (s. 120.08(1)(a)), authorize the Board of Education to establish a date and time of the 2026 Annual Meeting, seconded by Sarah Brock. The motion carried.

X. Adjournment

Lance Trollop moved to adjourn, seconded by Jon Creisher. The motion carried at 6:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Sillars,
Board Clerk

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